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WINDOW ROCK RESIDENT AND FORMER GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 41 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PHOENIX, ARIZONA –Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced that on March 15, 2004, Cedric Shawn Davison, D.O.B. November 16, 1973, of Window Rock, Arizona, and a former member of the “Cobra” street gang, was sentenced to 41 months in prison, and ordered to complete 6 months of residential substance abuse and anger management counseling and perform 100 hours of community service for the offense of Felon in Possession of a Firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), by United States District Judge James A. Teilborg, in Phoenix, Arizona.

On October 22, 2003, Davison was found guilty of the offense by a federal jury in Prescott, Arizona. The facts leading to the conviction at trial were as follows: On February 28, 2003, Davison was under investigation as a possible suspect in an unrelated shooting of a local residence near Window Rock, Arizona. Davison became aware that law enforcement officers were looking for and voluntarily met with the officers at the Window Rock Detention Center. Davison ultimately lead the officers to a near-by residence in St. Michaels, Arizona, where a juvenile boy was holding a Keltec, Model P-11, 9mm semi-automatic pistol in a shoe box for Davison. With Davison’s assistance, the boy turned the gun over to the officers. Davison was

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ultimately cleared as a suspect in the shooting but was charged with felon in Possession of a Firearm. Davison has a prior felony conviction for Voluntary Manslaughter in United States District Court, District of Arizona, Case No. CR-92-209-PCT-RGS. The government noted at sentencing that this prior offense involved a shooting.

At sentencing, Judge Teilborg took into consideration that the fact that the defendant had cooperated with the officers and turned over his firearm. However, Judge Teilborg also advised Davison that he needed to change his lifestyle, particularly after Davison had told the officers that he “would rather be caught with a gun than without one” on the day of his arrest.

A conviction for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, a \$10,000.00 fine or both.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Navajo Department of Law Enforcement with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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